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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON ISSUES WILL BENEFIT HARTFORD MAYOR PEREZ RETURNS FROM URBAN QUALITY OF LIFE CONFERENCE

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(September 19, 2008)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez is looking forward to Hartford building economic development bridges with Jerusalem to help create jobs, increase trade, and improve the quality of life in Connecticut's Capital City through high paying employment.

"Hartford has a world-class medical community and we could strengthen hospital related jobs and businesses by building relationships with companies in Jerusalem that manufacture medical devices. I look forward to our business leaders building partnerships that could bring new firms to Hartford and help us grow and take a leading role in this global economy," says Mayor Perez.

The Mayor has just returned from the 26th Jerusalem Conference of Mayors, hosted by Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupolianski. The U.S. Conference of Mayors participated in this trip through the Council for World Jewry and the American Jewish Congress.

Mayor Perez adds, "This trip was a unique opportunity to learn and adopt best practices from other cities from around the world. Economic development, green technology, and healthcare are issues that impact all of us. This conference provided a fresh look at how we can all work together to use technology to improve the quality of life in urban areas."

In addition to Hartford, the United States delegation included mayors from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Augusta, Maine, Lansing, Michigan, Nashville, Tennessee, and Tucson, Arizona. Mayors from about 40 cities in South America, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa also participated in this global conference.

This event concluded just before International Peace Day, which is Sunday, September 21st. The day was established in 1982 by a United Nations resolution so that the entire world can engage in realistic acts of peace. Mayors from around the world meeting to improve quality of life issues through economic development and green technology demonstrates proactive measures that are taking place today to make way for a better tomorrow.